



## THE COUNTY OF KAUAI

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### **Public invited to participate in the 2020 update of the County of Kaua'i Multi-Hazard Mitigation and Resiliency Plan**

LĪHU'E – The County of Kaua'i Emergency Management Agency (KEMA) invites the public to join the County's planning team and Steering Committee as they update the County's Multi-Hazard Mitigation and Resiliency Plan (MHMRP). The Steering Committee will hold a virtual meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 18, to begin reviewing the existing MHMRP and mapping out the steps in the update process. To view the virtual meeting and submit written comments, go to our online project portal, [www.kauai.gov/mitigation](http://www.kauai.gov/mitigation), for meeting invitation, agenda, and instructions on submitting comments during the meeting. Project information, frequently asked question (FAQs) and meeting minutes will be posted on the project website, [www.kauai.gov/mitigation](http://www.kauai.gov/mitigation). The portal will also provide an opportunity to submit written comments on the overall planning process.

"Mitigation and resiliency are best achieved when done as a whole-community," said KEMA Administrator Elton Ushio. "We encourage the public to participate in the planning process."

During this plan update, County staff and community members will work in tandem to identify risks, assess capabilities, and formulate a strategy to reduce vulnerability and increase resiliency to natural disasters that affect our county.

Hazard Mitigation is defined as actions taken to reduce the long-term loss of life and damage to property by lessening the impact of natural disasters. Resiliency is defined as the



capacity of individuals, communities, institutions, businesses and systems to survive, adapt to and thrive in the chronic stresses and acute shocks they experience. These disasters and acute shocks include floods, severe storms, and pandemics, among many others. The updated MHMRP will lay out a strategy to reduce the impact of natural disasters and promote the county's resilience to those acute shocks. KEMA has developed a survey to provide another opportunity for the public to contribute to the 2020 MHMRP update. The 12-question survey will cover hazard awareness, preparedness, mitigation, and response. To take the survey or for more information on the plan update, visit [www.kauai.gov/mitigation](http://www.kauai.gov/mitigation) or call KEMA at 241-1800.

If you need an auxiliary aid/service or other accommodation due to a disability, contact David Kennard at 241-1800 and [dkennard@kauai.gov](mailto:dkennard@kauai.gov) as soon as possible. Requests made as early as possible will allow adequate time to fulfill your request.

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